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ANKARA FOR MC DONALD AND BROWN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: US ASSISTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN

1. IN THE COURSE OF A LENGTHY DISCUSSION DEC 12 WITH PRESIDENT DAOUD'S BROTHER AND DE FACTO FONMIN NAIM, HE BROUGHT UP THE QUESTION OF US ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR AFGHANISTAN. HE SAID THAT AFGHANISTAN SORELY NEEDS TO MAKE ECONOMIC PROGRESS IF IT IS TO BE ABLE TO PREVENT INROADS BY REVOLUTIONARY IDEOLOGIES. HE STRESSED THAT HE WAS NOT SAYING THIS TO ME IN ANY WAY TO IMPLY THAT AFGHANISTAN WANTS TO ENCOURAGE COMPETITION BETWEEN THE US AND THE USSR IN THIS FIELD. HE SAID HE REALIZES THAT THE ERA IS OVER WHEN COUNTRIES LIKE AFGHANISTAN CAN PLAY OFF THE TWO BIG POWERS AGAINST EACH OTHER. BUT, HE SAID HE WANTED TO STRESS THE VITAL IMPORTANCE TO AFGHANISTAN OF RECEIVING GREATER AMOUNTS OF ASSISTANCE FROM THE US.

2. IN RESPONSE, I SAID THAT WE STAND READY AS ALWAYS TO DO WHAT WE CAN WITHIN OUR CAPABILITIES TO ASSIST AFGHANISTAN'S EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE AFGHAN PEOPLE. I SAID I HAD NOTED, HOWEVER, SINCE MY ARRIVAL THAT THERE WAS VERY LITTLE STIMULATION TO WHICH WE COULD RESPOND COMING FROM THOSE AGENCIES OF THE GOA CONCERNED WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. I SAID I UNDER-  
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STOOD THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE TO TAKE SOME TIME TO

GET ORGANIZED IN THIS AREA, BUT THAT NAIM SHOULD KNOW THAT IN THE MEANTIME US FOREIGN ASSISTANCE RESOURCES, BOTH MONEY AND PERSONNEL, WERE BEING ALLOCATED IN WASHINGTON TO COUNTRIES WHERE SPECIFIC PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS EXISTED.

3. DEP FONMIN ABDULLAH, WHO WAS PRESENT, INTERJECTED AT THIS POINT THAT THE GOA HAS JUST ESTABLISHED A NEW POLICY MECHANISM, CHAIRED BY DAOUD, IN THIS AREA. HE INDICATED THAT THE WORKING LEVEL COMMITTEE WOULD BE CHAIRED BY THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND WOULD INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN MISSIONS IN AFGHANISTAN. FURTHER DETAILS ON THIS SUBJECT ARE BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY.ELIOT

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